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TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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1. During the period from 25 January to 1 February 1952, jet planes were observed flying during the noon hours. On 1 February, 1 jet plane took off at 9:20 a.m. and landed at 9:30 a.m., 2 jet aircraft took off at 11:30 a.m. and landed at noon, and 1 jet plane took off at 12:50 p.m. and landed about 1 p.m.

2. The snow on the field was from 10 to 25 cm deep. The snow was being cleared on the runway by a tractor towing a snow plow. The temperature was about 5 degrees below zero. Flying started after the runway was cleared. Three or 4 jet planes, 2 biplanes and 2 twin-engine aircraft were usually parked on the landing field. *

3. Trucks entered and left the field. In January, a board fence 2.5 meters high and topped by 50 cm of barbed wire was constructed on the edge of the field along the railroad line to Cottbus. the board fence was to extend from the northern edge of the field diagonally across the field to its southeastern edge. The northeastern corner of the field was allegedly to be released for cultivation. **

* Comment. Only a few MIG-15s were observed on the landing field during the preceding three months. It is believed that the two fighter regiments which are being activated do not have their authorized aircraft strength. Flying observed still indicates that personnel are in the primary stage of training at Grossenhain airfield.

** Comment. The construction of a fence was previously reported. The information that part of the field area is to be released for cultivation is received for the first time.

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